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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VP MUBARAK'S TRIP

1. VP MUBARAK DEPARTED THIS MORNING FOR PARIS, WHERE HE HOPES TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD. HE WILL THEREAFTER PROCEED TO RABAT AND TEHRAN FOR TALKS WITH KING HASSAN AND THE SHAH RESPECTIVELY. HE WILL RETURN TO CAIRO IN ABOUT FIVE DAYS' TIME.

2. FONMIN KAMEL TELLS ME THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF MUBARAK'S TRIP IS TO BRIEF GISCARD, HASSAN AND THE SHAH ON EGYPTIAN PERCEPTION OF STATE OF PLAY IN MIDDLE EAST TALKS, ESPECIALLY AFTER RECENT LEEDS CASTLE CONFERENCE. MUBARAK WILL STRESS DAYAN'S OPEN INSISTENCE THAT ISRAEL INSISTS UPON SOME KIND OF TERRITORIAL CONCESSION IN WEST BANK AND GAZA AS PRICE FOR PEACE. HE WILL EMPHASIZE SADAT'S VIEW THAT PEACE, SECURITY AND GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS ARE ALL AGREEABLE, BUT THAT GOE WILL NOT GIVE EITHER LAND OR SOVEREIGNTY. I URGED THAT MUBARAK ALSO INDICATE POINTS OF COMMONALITY BETWEEN THE TWO PLANS, WHICH AT THE VERY
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LEAST SUGGEST THAT SOMETHING EXISTS ON WHICH FURTHER AGREEMENT CAN BE BUILT. KAMEL RESPONDED THAT, IN SADAT'S VIEW, THESE POINTS OF COMMONALITY ARE INSIGNIFICANT IN THE FACE OF THE ISRAELI INSISTENCE ON TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS. DAYAN, HE NOTED, MADE IT CLEAR AT LEEDS THAT MINOR RECTIFICATIONS IN THE WEST BANK ARE INSUFFICIENT. MUCH, HE OBSERVED, WILL DEPEND UPON TODAY'S ISRAELI CABINET

MEETING AT WHICH THE EGYPTIAN POSITION, AS PRESENTED AT
LEEDS CASTLE, IS TO BE STUDIED.

3. IN PARIS, MUBARAK WILL ALSO DISCUSS RECENT CHADIAN
DEVELOPMENTS. IN MOROCCO HE WILL ASK KING HASSAN'S
ASSESSMENT OF NEW MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS
INTENTIONS. EILTS

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